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REPORT

TOPIC Military Activity in Eberswalde and in the Potsdam-Krampnitz-Satskorn Area

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REMARKS

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1. At 0900 on 15 February 1955, 16 amphibious cars with full tracks arrived by rail at the Eberswalde railroad station. The amphibious cars were subsequently detrained and, at about 1500, moved to the Schuetzen Kaserne (4342) in Eberswalde, entering the kaserne through the northern gate. Each vehicle mounted 2 soldiers with black-bordered black epaulets. Distinguishing features of the amphibious car:
Chassis: 7 bogie wheels, 7 track-support rollers, 1 drive sprocket, 1 idler wheel; the bogie wheels had a diameter of about 50 cm.
Track: Metal track, about 30 cm wide, links placed at intervals of 10 cm.
Length: About 6 meters
Width: About 3.10 meters (tracks); width as measured from inner edge of one track to inner edge of other track, 2.50 meters.
2. At about 1100 on 15 February 1955, 16 factory-new amphibious cars on caterpillar tracks were detrained at the Eberswalde railroad station. They subsequently moved toward the Schuetzen Kaserne (4342). ¹
3. At 1400 on 18 February 1955, the following materiel was entrained at the Eberswalde railroad station: 7 six-wheel armored personnel carriers and some with twin-barreled machine guns, approximately 10 trucks and 2 field kitchens. The train left northward at about 1600. ²
4. At 0840 on 14 February 1955, the following shipment from Altstrelitz was dispatched to Bernau from Oranienburg:
12 boxcars with soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, 2 sealed boxcars, 6 flatcars with sideracks with 7 canvas-covered AA guns of about 76 mm, 16 trucks including 4 with 25 mm AA guns, 1 ambulance, 1 workshop truck, 1 jeep and 1 sedan.
5. On 19 February, the following shipment from Fuerstenwalde was dispatched to Bernau from Oranienburg at 1330:
12 boxcars with soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets; 2 sealed boxcars, flatcars with sideracks with 8 canvas-covered heavy AT guns (?) of at least 122 mm, 7 heavy prime movers including No 5783, 4 canvas-covered AT guns of about 76 mm, 24 trucks workshop truck.

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6. On 14 February 1955, the following materiel and soldiers were detrained at the Bernau freight station:
8 x 76-mm AT guns, 25 to 30 trucks of a new type, 4 sidecar motorcycles, 2 technical trucks, 2 ambulances, 3 jeeps, 2 field kitchens, 2 sedans, 3 trucks with equipment, 2 tank trucks and approximately 200 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets. The unit moved to the SS Briefstaubenstation (pigeon station) (4243) in Bernau. ³
7. On 4 and 10 February 1955, 5 and 9 rocket launchers respectively left the army clothing depot I (4244) in Bernau. ⁵
8. The following rail movements and detraining operations were observed at the Satskorn railroad station during the period from 17 to 20 February 1955:
At 1115 on 17 February: A train which passed through the railroad station from Justerbog included 3 JS-1 tanks, 2 M-13s, 2 M-31s, 1 armored personnel carrier, 4 workshop trucks, 2 field kitchens, 1 jeep, 1 sedan, 5 boxcars with soldiers, 20 trucks ⁶ 25X1
At 1145 on 19 February: A train which passed through the railroad station from Justerbog and proceeded to Bernau included 14 x 152-mm field howitzers, 16 prime movers, 2 workshop trucks, 3 field kitchens, 84 trucks, 9 boxcars with soldiers and 2 boxcars with ammunition. ⁷ 25X1
At 0515 on 20 February: A train which came from Brest Litavsk was unloaded. It carried 21 T-54 (?) tanks, troops on 2 boxcars ⁸ 25X1
9. At about 1100 on 10 February 1955, 12 T-34 tanks ⁹ 25X1 moved through Pappel Allee in Potsdam from the direction of Bornstedt. ⁹
1. Comment. The details on the amphibious car with track-laying chassis confirm previous assumptions. Together with the vehicles observed detrained in Eberswalde, the Fourth Gds Mecz Army is believed to be equipped with a total of about 30 amphibious cars of this type. The vehicles mentioned in the present report were probably distributed to the 3d Engr Regt of the army which has so far only been located in Camp Duesterwinkelbruske (4343) in Eberswalde. The observations of 15 February indicate that elements of this regiment are also quartered in the Schuetzen Kaserne (4342) in Eberswalde. In previous reports, all drivers observed with these amphibious cars in Eberswalde wore red-bordered black epaulets. 25X1
2. Comment. ¹⁰ the unit 25X1 is an element of the 17th Gds Mecz Regt of the 6th Gds Mecz Div from the Artillerie Kaserne (4341) in Eberswalde which was presumably transferred to the Templin troop training grounds for exercises. 25X1
3. Comment. A firing detail of the 120th (?) AAA Regt of the 6th Gds Mecz Div returned to the post. 25X1
4. Comment. According to the composition of the train and the destination, the unit probably was a component of the 71st Light Arty Brig of the Fourth Gds Medz Army which returned to the post from firing practices. Until the present time, no heavy AT guns have been observed with this brigade. Since the guns were covered with canvas, no proper identification was possible. They are believed to have been 100 mm AT guns. 25X1
5. ¹¹ 25X1
6. Comment. The units were firing details of the 10th Gds Tank Div which returned to the post on train ¹² They were entrained in Satskorn for shipment to Forst Zinna on 14 February. ¹³ 25X1 25X1
7. Comment. The units were components of the 71st Light Arty Brig which were entrained in Bernau for shipment to Justerbog for firing practices on 14 February. ¹⁴ 25X1 25X1

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8. Comment. The new arrival of tanks of the new type (T/54 ?) in Satz Korn is believed to bring to the total of new tanks which arrived at the 10th Gds Tank Div to about 30 tanks of this type.

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9. Comment. the tanks belong to the 63d Gds Tank Regt of the 10th Gds Tank Div which is quartered in the Adolf Hitler Kaserne (2287) in Potsdam.

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